



Attorney's Docket No.: 17348-002001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : M. Samy Abdou

Art Unit : 3733

Serial No.: 10/825,916

Examiner : Michael J. Araj

Filed : April 15, 2004

Title : BONE FIXATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLANTATION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF APRIL 5, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

September 5, 2006

Date of Deposit

Cecilia Tobin

Signature

Cecilia Tobin

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate